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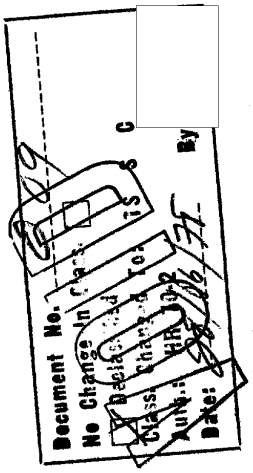
1. The following railroad check points have been established around Berlin :
Blumberg (N 53/Z 96) (Berlin-Marzahn-Wriezen line)
Hoppegarten (N 53/Z 95) (Berlin-Kuestrin line)
Erkner (N 53/V 14) (Berlin-Frankfurt/Oder line) 50X1-HUM
Gruenau (N 53/Z 93) - Alt Glienicke (N 53/Z 94) (Berlin - Cottbus and Berlin-Schoenefeld-Mittenwalde-Toepchin line)
Mahlow (N 53/Z 83) (Berlin-Zossen - Dresden line)
Teltow (N 53/Z 73) (Berlin - Jueterbog-Halle line)
The Teltow check point is said to have been transferred to Grossbeeren and Zossen in the meantime.
Seddin (N 53/Z 52) (Berlin-Belzig line)
Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) (Berlin-Magdeburg line)
Wustermark (N 53/Z 55) (Berlin-Stendal line)
Falkensee (N 53/Z 65) (Berlin-Neustadt-Wittenberge line)
Niederneuendorf (N 53/Z 65) (Berlin/Spandau-Boetzow-Velten line)
Hennigsdorf (N 53/Z 76) (Berlin-Velten-Neuruppin line)
Birkenwerder (N 53/Z 76) (Berlin - Oranienburg -Neustrelitz line)
Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 86) (Berlin-Basdorf-Gross Schoenebeck line)
Bernau (N 53/Z 96) (Berlin-Eberswalde-Stettin line).
These check points were to be put into operation on 25 May 1950.



2. Seddin and Wustermark are scheduled to become the most important check points. They are to operate as transfer points for mixed cargo traffic, with up to 160 freight cars per day.

3. Soviet officers have already reported in Potsdam and Seddin. These officers are to take over the supervision of the local check points. Control will thus be exercised by the Soviets and not, as previously assumed, by German authorities. The alleged purpose of the controls is the protection of the intra-German trade. *

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* [redacted] Comment. The system of check points for rail and road traffic to and from Berlin is known from press reports. From the data in this report it is clear that all railroad lines to Berlin, and those in the Soviet Zone are covered by such check points. Although this measure may be primarily designed to eliminate all illegal interzonal trade in the Berlin area, the entire system of control may be used as a Soviet political weapon.

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